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I think that the draft plan is very well-done and provides a great primer on the FloodSAFE initiative. Some comments/suggestions I have are as follows:

- The first paragraph describing DWR's role (IV. Partners section pg. 9) seems a bit limiting, focused on inspection/maintenance of levees and such. Maybe broadening the description to include discussion of DWR's involvement in floodplain management (mapping, education, local assistance, etc.), hydrology and flood operations (forecasting and emergency response), dam safety, etc. would shed more light on DWR's role overall.
- Also with respect to *Section IV. Partners*, I'm not sure how directly involved the USGS would be in implementing FloodSAFE per se, but they are certainly a critical partner with DWR in hydrology and flood operations. Among other things, the MOU between DWR and USGS ensures that the stream gage data and CA's flood early warning network are operated and maintained such that we can meet many of the objectives of FloodSAFE.
- On pg. 44 under California Floodplains, it mentions coastal flooding relating to streams overflowing banks. Another issue we deal with on the coast is the threat of tsunamis, not just coastline flooding from seawater, but the possible affects on the rivers from such a surge (an area of potential risk we plan to evaluate more).

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on such an important document.

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